

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 5-20 contain allowable subject matter.

Drawings

At the outset, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate acceptance of the drawings filed on January 20, 2004.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 2-20 were pending in this application. Claims 2-4 have been cancelled by way of this reply. Therefore, claims 5-20 are currently pending in this application. Claims 5, 6, and 14 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 5 and 6.

Claim Amendments

Claims 2-4 have been cancelled by way of this reply. In addition, claims 5, 6, and 14 were amended into independent form including all of the limitations of their respective base claims.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 2-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,983,124 ("Carr"). Claims 2-4 have been cancelled by this reply. Thus, this

rejection is now moot with respect to claims 2-4. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591, Reference No. 02008/140001.

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